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# HICKAM *Kukini*

Serving the Air Force Hawaii Community

**HOT TOPIC**

**15th AW reaps more than \$15 million for unfundeds.**  
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## Air Show

The Marine Corps Station Hawaii opened its gates to the public for the Blues on the Bay Air Show Saturday and Sunday. About 100,000 people attended the event, which featured the Navy Blue Angels (above) who concluded the show. Several other acts performed throughout the day including a U.S. Navy Seal parachute jump, F-15 fly by, SH-60 demonstration, U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 and C-130 demonstrations, F-15 demonstration, P-3 demonstration and many other acts. There were also several planes on the ground for visitors to tour and learn more about.

Courtesy photo



## Schools affiliated with base pass state validation exam

By Alice Patton  
15th Air Force Wing school liaison

Four schools that service Hickam students achieved Adequate Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act.

In addition to Radford High School, one of only two high schools island-wide to make the grade, three base-affiliated elementary schools, Hickam, Mokulele and Nimitz all received a "Good Standing" rating.

This was Radford's second straight year of AYP. It was the only high school last year to earn the distinction, and it's an accreditation well deserved, according to school officials.

To make AYP, a school's students must reach state proficiency benchmarks on the Hawaii State Assessment in reading and math, and meet other goals relating to test participation and promotion or graduation, according to a Department of Education news release.

This applies to all students including subgroups defined by poverty levels, ethnicity, English as a second language or special education needs. There are 37 benchmarks, so if any of the 37 subgroups are deficient;

the entire school is labeled as not achieving AYP.

The entire school district improved this past year with 52 percent of its schools meeting AYP. In the 2002-2003, 39 percent of the state's public school achieved AYP.

In other school-related news, the Stanford Achievement Test Honor Roll was announced last week and three base-affiliated elementary schools made the list. Hickam, Mokulele, Nimitz elementary and Aliamanu Middle School made the list.

To be included on the SAT Honor Roll a school's average had to be at or above the national norm on both the reading and math portions of the SAT.

Hawaii has used the test to provide an indicator of student achievement in relation to national standards.

"We congratulate the schools and students who performed well on the SAT," said Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto. "Sometimes, as we focus on school improvement, we need to remind ourselves of the many public school achievements that currently demonstrate measures of success."

For more information on base-affiliated schools and programs, contact Ms. Patton at 448-5236.



**Combined Federal Campaign**

**Hickam is currently at 60 percent of its goal. Tuesday is the deadline for all contributions.**

**For more information, contact 1st Lt. James Lee at 449-0031.**



## Protection

# Children should wear safety gear

By Maj. Heather Zwicker  
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Dear Parent,

*I followed your child home from school today because I was concerned for his safety. You see, for some reason he was not wearing a helmet. He also had a passenger on his scooter. Not only was there normal traffic on the street he was scooting down, but there were also large construction vehicles.*

*When I arrived at your house you were mad at me because I had scared your child. They obviously were concerned that a stranger was following them. It was not my intention to scare them, but to let you know that I was concerned for their well-being. I wasn't sure if you were aware that according to 15th Airlift Wing Instruction 31-204, all bicycle operators and all persons using a coaster-wheeled conveyance are required to wear safety helmets on 15AW installations. A coaster-wheeled conveyance is defined in the regulation as inline or roller skates, scooters and skateboards.*

*You told me to mind my own business. Well, as a fellow housing occupant and Air Force member, it is my duty to tell people when they are not abiding by base regulations.*

In the U.S., 68,530 injuries resulted in trips to the emergency room from foot-powered scooters through July 2001. The majority of the deaths reported for this same time occurred when riders were hit by a car while riding on

public streets, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The CPSC recommendations for non-motorized scooters are the same as for their motorized counterparts. The agency says children under 12 can use the foot-powered scooters, but children under eight should only use them with close adult supervision.

In 2002 more than 288,900 children ages 14 and under were treated in emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries. Head injuries account for more than 60 percent of bicycle-related deaths, more than two-thirds of bicycle-related hospital admissions and about one-third of emergency room visits. Bike helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent and the risk of brain injury by 88 percent, according to the National Safe Kids Campaign website.

I couldn't even begin to count the number of times I've seen teenagers riding up to the Shoppette on skateboards without helmets, children riding scooters down the middle of the street sans headgear and children on bicycles cutting in front of my car without checking their "six".

Parents, we can never predict when an accident is going to happen. Your child might hit a bump or a rock that causes them to take a spill and that driver out there might not be paying proper attention. Whatever the situation is, let's please make sure our children are protected.

## It's your future, vote for it!

By Gen. Richard Myers  
Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

**WASHINGTON** – In this election year, you, our men and women in uniform, are stationed around the globe serving our nation and defending democracy. We have both the responsibility and the privilege to participate in our democracy by exercising our fundamental right to vote.

I encourage every one of you, as well as your family members of voting age, to join in the democratic process and cast your ballot. You will have the opportunity to vote, either in person or through absentee ballots, in primary, special run-off and general elections, no matter where you are stationed or what operation you are participating in.

Recent elections have demonstrated the importance of every absentee ballot. Your vote does count!

The 2004 elections will determine our choice for president and vice president, 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, and 13 governors, as well as thousands of local officials. I urge each of you to participate, starting with the primaries already underway and continuing through the general election Nov. 2.

Most of you will be using the absentee voting process, which has never been easier than it is today. For those of us in the Armed Forces and our family members, starting the process is as easy as filling out and mailing the Federal Post Card Application. The FPCA is available from your unit voting assistance officer, who can also assist you with your state procedures.

As members of the Armed Forces, we each have a responsibility to take part in determining our nation's leadership.

## Action Lines



**Col. Ray Torres**  
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are

plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to [15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

**Comment:** What is the possibility of getting a drive-through ATM on base?

**Response:** Lt. Col. Gary Nanfito, 15th Airlift Wing comptroller, is the bank liaison officer on Hickam. He has discussed the possibility of placing a drive through ATM with management from First Hawaiian Bank and Hickam Federal Credit Union. Management from both institutions cited high construction costs, the require-

ment for a large piece of land to accommodate the ATM and the high lease costs associated with the land, concern for security, and protection of the ATM from the elements as reasons for not installing a drive-through ATM. With these factors in mind, the chance of obtaining a drive-through ATM at this time is extremely low; however, Colonel Nanfito will periodically review ATM usage, ATM location, and assess the need for a drive-through ATM. In the event customer demand drives either additional ATMs or the placement of a drive-through ATM, he will work with the bank and credit union management to seek additional support. I encourage customers to contact the bank and credit union management to communicate banking needs and to request new services. For your convenience, we currently have 11 ATMs on Hickam and one at Bellows. The First Hawaiian Bank has four ATMs on base: two outside the bank, and one each at the commissary and AMC terminal. The Hickam Federal Credit Union has eight ATMs on Hickam: one outside the credit union, officer and enlisted clubs, food court, Bellows, the bowling center, Pacific Air Forces snack bar and the shoppette.

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## Crisis Response Lines

**Hickam Family Support Center**  
**449-0300**

**Life Skills Support Center**  
**449-0175**

**Law Enforcement Desk**  
**449-6373**

**Base Chaplain**  
**449-1754**

**Military Family Abuse Shelter**  
**533-7125**





## Warfighters meet

General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, presents Laurence Vogel, president of U. Hata and Co. Ltd., with a copy of the "Air Force Book" in appreciation for speaking during the PACAF Warfighters conference luncheon Tuesday. This was the first-ever PACAF Warfighters conference. It was three days of meetings, discussions and briefings on the future of warfighting concepts in the Pacific and how to better integrate operations with Airmen.

Photo by Mysti Bicoy

## Environmental study available

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight has drafted a feasibility study examining potential contaminant's at a high traffic portion of Hickam.

From the late 1940's to 1965, a landfill operated on base. After closure, Mamala Bay Golf Course was constructed on and around the landfill.

Recently-completed investigation and analysis efforts determined that contaminant's in and around the former landfill could potentially pose unacceptable risks to human health, according to base environmental officials.

Contaminant's in surface soil include arsenic, associated with blasting grit media deposited in many areas within the site. Contaminant's in subsurface soil at the site include arsenic, dioxins, and chlorinated solvents. Contaminant's in groundwater include chlorinated solvents.

"We have produced this feasibility study to examine various remedial alternatives to reduce the risks to human health and the environment," said Todd Lanning, 15th CES Environmental Restoration Program chief. The study summarizes the effectiveness, implementability, and cost of various remedial alternatives and recommends a preferred remedial action. The study is available at the Hawaii state library for public comment through Nov. 13.

"This is an opportunity for people to read and comment on our plan to address contamination concerns at this site," said Bill Grannis, 15th CES environmental cleanup program manager.

Written comments can be forwarded to [william.grannis@hickam.af.mil](mailto:william.grannis@hickam.af.mil) and should be sent not later than Nov. 13.

**Hawaii State  
Library, Hawaii  
Documents Center,  
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Street, Honolulu,  
Hi, 96813  
(808) 586-3542**

## Fiscal closeout brings benefits to 15th AW

By Capt. Darnell Salley  
15th Comptroller Squadron

The books are now closed on Hickam's fiscal year 2004 expenditures, and once again base bean counters benefited from being the western-most finance office in the Air Force.

Hickam's 15th Comptroller Squadron has last crack at all Air Force fallout money not utilized by other bases, and during the past two months the 15th Airlift Wing reaped nearly \$5.2 million for its top unfunded requirements.

The wing received only \$2.2M in Global War on Terrorism funding, down from \$12.4 million received in FY03. However, this money still paid for 99 percent of base Air Expeditionary Force deployment tasking costs.

Keeping people first, more than \$2.1 million went towards quality-of-life improvements in the chapel, dormitories, tennis courts, facilities at Bellows, officers' club renovation and other 15th Services Squadron agencies to include the child development centers. New equipment, supplies and furniture will soon appear in all of these facilities making everyone's recreation time safer and more enjoyable.

"Overall, a fantastic story resulting in increased capability across the board for Hickam, but it took a Herculean team effort by several agencies to pull this off," said Lt. Col. Gary Nanfito, 15th AW comptroller.

Spearheading fiscal closeout, the 15th Comptroller Squadron brilliantly coordinated 99.9 percent execution of Hickam's \$158.3 million annual budget, he said. Their dead-on funding guidance and eagle-

eyed accounting operations ensured financial success for the entire wing.

"Coordinating the effort, the financial analysis flight worked flawlessly with resource advisors throughout the base to overcome significant shortfalls and appropriately execute all available funds," he said. "My hat goes off to every base resource manager because they were the backbone of the 15th AW financial success."

"This year DFAS Pacific supported the closeout efforts of the 15th AW by providing on-site augmentation to speed the funds obligation process," Colonel Nanfito said. "Their support was crucial to the execution of all available funds and without them things would never have gone so smoothly."

The 15th Contracting Squadron played a key role in fiscal year closeout by quickly awarding numerous contracts to ensure all available funds were obligated before the midnight hour, the base comptroller said. Their ability to find vendors who could provide needed services and goods was phenomenal.

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron also had amazing success this closeout, he said. They were able to justify and validate to PACAF a need for crucial infrastructure funds. These badly-needed funds will go to upgrade, replace, and install many areas on base. These projects will go a long way toward improving and maintaining aging infrastructure throughout the entire base.

"This year's coordinated efforts produced results beyond all expectations and is testimony to the effectiveness of the wing commander's financial guidance: teamwork and mission first, together we can all prevail ... and we did," Colonel Nanfito said.



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Photo by Angela Elbern

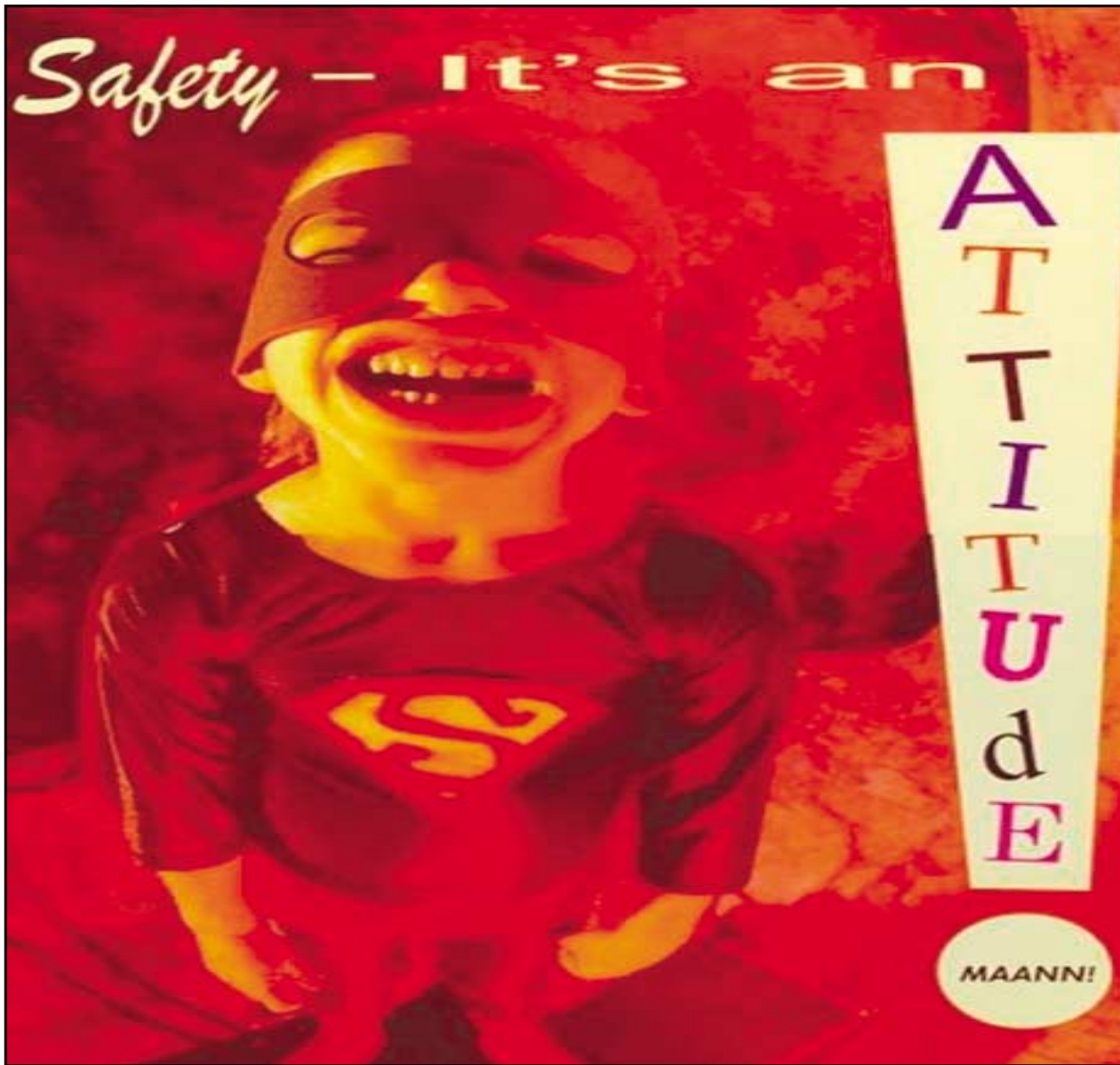
## Future blue

More than 250 cadets from 17 Junior Reserve Officer Training drill teams participated in the annual JROTC competition on Hickam Saturday. Close to 60 of those cadets represented the four Air Force JROTC school teams.

(Above left) From right, Kaiser's Alan Yim and Ralan Takahashi participate in the Armed O'Grady portion of the JROTC drill competition. Yim took first place, Takahashi second in the event.

(Above right) Tech. Sgt. Jay Banghart, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, evaluates one of the competing JROTC teams Saturday. Sergeant Banghart participated in the JROTC program from 1986 to 1990.





## Halloween ghouls of engagement

This year's trick-or-treating hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Here are a few safety tips for the evening.

### Trick or treaters:

- All trick-or-treaters should carry and display a working flashlight or "glow stick" while outside.

- Reflective material or devices should be part of the costuming, worn or carried.

- Face painting is much safer than masks and does not obscure the vision of the wearer. If masks are used, ensure the eye holes are sufficiently large enough so vision is not obstructed.

- Adults or responsible older children should always accompany the younger children.

- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Do not assume drivers will see or stop.

- Instruct all children not to eat any treats until they have been examined by an adult.

### Motorists and big kids:

- Please drive extra slow and very cautiously throughout the housing areas.

- Absolutely no drinking and driving!

- Keep an eye out for the whole Hickam tribe - help keep all of the kids safe.

- If you have small monsters who are going out to collect the loot, accompany them and keep them under control - carry an extra flashlight with good batteries.

- Report unsafe acts or motorists immediately to Security Forces, 449-6372, or the Crimestopper line, at 449-7114.





# Going down under

## Base SCUBA training takes place

By Catherine Landa

Island Divers Hawaii divemaster

Recently, a group of enthusiastic potential Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus divers tried their flippers at Scuba in pool one. "Discover Scuba" is held free every few months by Island Divers Hawaii, which recently celebrated their one-year anniversary on base. Each participant has a twenty-minute briefing before taking to the pool in a full set of SCUBA gear provided by the shop.

Instructors and divemasters from Island Divers Hawaii supervise the experience and provide a short skill development session. "It's very rewarding to see people who have always been curious about the experience of diving get to play around in the pool and see what fun it is," said Matt Zimmerman, dive center owner. "Typically, we get people who come in with friends and family members to check it out. Lots of fathers find diving with their daughters

a great thing they can do together while stationed in Hawaii."

Underwater Oahu offers a wealth of wildlife. From sea turtles swimming along amidst a colorful backdrop of beautiful fish to some of the best wreck diving in the Hawaiian chain, there's literally something scenic for everyone, he said.

"If you aren't seeing Hawaii underwater, you are missing half the show," Mr. Zimmerman claimed.

Island Divers is a full-service PADI dive center with daily boat charters, specialty and open water classes, environmental projects and travel opportunities. The dive club is currently free and club divers often get together for weekend boat dives, shore dives, cook-outs, and even dive trips to places like Palau. Open Water Certification classes start every week.

Those interested should contact Island Divers Hawaii at 423-8222 or go to Web site [www.IslandDiversHawaii.com](http://www.IslandDiversHawaii.com).



Courtesy photos

Above: Adventure enthusiasts take to the pool for SCUBA training. Left: An instructor guides a student in the art of mask clearing.



## News Notes

**Craft fair** – Hickam's 29th Annual Fall Craft Fair is scheduled for Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. People interested in taking part in the fair can rent a booth for \$65. Artists can pair up and share a booth for \$85. All items must be handcrafted by the seller and are screened at registration beginning today at 8 a.m. and continuing until the day before the fair. Civilian vendors, or those without base access, can register by mail. To have a registration application mailed to you, contact Donna Sommer at 449-1568 ext. 106 or email [donna.sommer@hickam.af.mil](mailto:donna.sommer@hickam.af.mil).

**PBS Kids comes to Hickam** – Clifford, Arthur and the Public Broadcasting Station Kids Share a Story Team is coming to the Hickam Community Center today. Children can participate in a variety of activities including:

- Getting their picture taken with Arthur or Clifford
- Create their own book with a story the child writes and illustrates
- Hear Arthur or Clifford the Big Red Dog story read aloud
- Receive colorful Arthur and Clifford books, stickers and more

For more information, call Doug Clark at 449-3354.

**Voting information** – Voters must mail their absentee ballots by today. Each state should be sending out the ballots in the coming days. Those who haven't received a ballot by today can mail in the Federal Write-in

Ballot for the federal positions. If a member never submitted their Federal Postcard Application, the Federal Write-in Ballot will not be counted. For more information, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact a unit voting assistant.

**Road closure** – The north side of Signer Boulevard between First and Second Street will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday for the installation of infrastructure for the Phase One Family Housing Renewal Project. For more information, call Actus Lend Lease at 423-7500.

**Spouses' Club activity** – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club October function will feature a speaker presenting Design on a Dime, Room to Go and Mission Organization Tuesday on the Officers' Club Lanai. The social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$14.35 for pasta and salad bar. Reservations must be made by noon today by calling Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444. Everyone who attends will receive a ticket for the membership appreciation prize. The HOSC is a private organization. It is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

**Thrift shop changes** – The Hickam Thrift Shop will be open Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. In addition to the regular store hours, the shop will be open Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. If these extended hours appear to meet the needs of the customers, the shop will continue being open one Wednesday a month through January. The thrift shop is located behind tickets and tours and across the street from the arts and craft building. Regular store hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the second Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales, and Monday, Friday and the second Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. for consignments. Donations are always accepted and can be dropped off at any time in the shed by the front door. For more information, contact the thrift shop at 449-6603.

**Repatriation ceremony** – A POW/MIA repatriation ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. on the flightline side of base operations. For more information, call 1st Lt. Alan Edwards at 449-0011.

**Swimming activities** – Swimming at Pool Two is free Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Youth may take part in two fun events at Pool Two during October. The Fall into the Pool Teen Dance is scheduled for Oct. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Youth are invited to enjoy a day of fun plunging for pumpkins during the Pumpkin Plunge at Pool Two Oct. 30. The cost is \$2 and doors open at 9:30 a.m. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215 or the pool at 449-1070 for information on party packages.

**University of Oklahoma** – The University of Oklahoma offers a masters of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The non-thesis programs can be complete in about 18 months. For more information, contact the OU office at 449-6364 or visit their Web site at [www.goou.ou.edu](http://www.goou.ou.edu).

**Leave accrual** – Members who lost leave in Fiscal Year 2004 due to deployment to or support of a contingency operation, may be eligible for special leave accrual. If authorized SLA, all or some of the lost leave may be restored and the member would have until the end of Fiscal Year 2005 to use it. For more information, contact your unit commander's support staff. All packages must be submitted by Oct. 25.

**Assignment team** – The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team is scheduled to arrive here Oct. 29. The team will give a briefing on military training instructor, recruiter and other AETC special duties at 10 a.m. in the 15th Airlift Wing conference room. Airmen first class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active federal military service are invited to attend this briefing. Many incentives are offered individuals accepted

for these duties, such as choice of assignment location and special duty assignment pay, up to \$450 monthly. Applications will be accepted on the spot. To obtain a copy of the AETC Special Duty Application, call Master Sgt. Glenn Tajeron at 448-2583.

**Black and white ball** – The Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. Prince Hall Masonic Lodge is hosting a black and white ball Nov. 5 in the Hickam Enlisted Club at 6 p.m. The event is open to everyone. Attire is formal/semi-formal. Tickets cost \$25. To order tickets, call Vince at 368-2293 or Mike at 392-2348.

**Veteran's bonus** – The state of South Dakota is paying a veterans bonus of up to \$500 to certain military members who are legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding entry into the Armed Forces, who are currently on active duty or were honorably discharged from the Armed Forces and who served on active duty during one or both of the following periods:

- For service between Jan. 1, 1993 through Sept. 10, 2001, payment will be made only to those who served overseas and were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal or any other United States campaign or service medal awarded for participation in combat operations against hostile forces.

- All active duty members serving from Sept. 11, 2001 through a date to be determined, qualifies for a bonus payment.

Application forms may be obtained by writing to: South Dakota Veterans Bonus, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, S.D. 57501 or call 605-773-4656.

**Position available** – The Hickam Family Support Center is seeking a Family Readiness noncommissioned officer in the grade of technical sergeant. The report date is March 1, 2005. People interested in applying for this position, should advise their supervisor/commander. If they are releasable, email Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel at [helen.noel@hickam.af.mil](mailto:helen.noel@hickam.af.mil) or contact her at 449-0300.



# Around the Air Force



**Editor's Note:** For the complete stories and more go to Air Force news at <http://www.af.mil>.

## Airmen come together for humanitarian service

**BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN)** – When given the chance for humanitarian service, Airmen of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing here go all out.

More than 50 Airmen helped unload two 30-foot containers of school supplies and toys and then organized and packaged them for an Iraqi school.

"What a great turnout," said Chaplain (Capt.) Quentin Collins, with the 332nd AEW, who is deployed from the Oklahoma Air National Guard. "I was expecting maybe 20 people, but this is absolutely great."

Chaplain Collins said the chapel regularly receives packages of gifts and supplies in the mail, and he contacted the Army civil affairs office to find out how to get them out to children who need them the most.

"They told me the Air Force actually adopted a local school and hospital, and they would deliver the goods for us if we organized them," Chaplain Collins said. "So what a great opportunity this is to be part of a humanitarian effort."

To some of the volunteers, it was a chance to give back to the local community and make them feel like they are part of an important mission.

"I have three kids, and this just sounded like a great idea," said Capt. Dianne Stroble, of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group, who is deployed from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "I thought that this would be something that might bring joy to the kids, who obviously don't have a lot."

The civil affairs staff will deliver the school supplies and toys in late October. (Story by Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

## Junior ROTC expands, seeks retirees to teach at new units

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN)** – Airmen planning to retire within the next couple of years and Airmen who have retired within the past five years may want to look to Junior ROTC before storing their uniforms, said Jo Alice Talley. She is the Air Force Junior ROTC instructor management chief.

Air Force Junior ROTC will add 201 units by fall 2007, creating a need for an additional 402 aerospace science instructors to teach in high-school classrooms worldwide, Ms. Talley said.

People from all career fields are needed.

"It doesn't matter what background the person had in the Air Force," Col. H.B. McCarraher III, Air Force Junior ROTC director said. "The leadership skills, customs and courtesies, academic background and professional military education are all



Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

## Got gas?

**OVER SAN DIEGO, Calif.** – An HH-60 Pave Hawk from the 55th Rescue Squadron moves in to refuel a 79th Rescue Squadron's C-130. The refueling was part of a water rescue training exercise conducted jointly between the 55th, 79th, and 48th Rescue Squadrons, all a part of the Air Force search and rescue operations mission at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

excellent preparations for becoming a leader (and role model in the Air Force Junior ROTC classroom."

Air Force officers or enlisted Airmen who retired from active duty within the past five years or less, and those who have at least 20 years of service may apply, Ms. Talley said. Active-duty Airmen may apply when they are within six months of their retirement date. In some instances, the five-year date of retirement can be waived up to 10 years. Waiver consideration is based on the program needs and applicant qualifications.

Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and are expected to maintain appearance standards. In addition, they receive, as a minimum, a salary equal to the difference between their retired pay and their active-duty pay and allowances.

For more information, call the Air Force Junior ROTC division toll free at (866) 235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300. The DSN number is 493-5275 or 5300. (Story by Master Sgt. Ralph Bitter, Air University Public Affairs)

## Air Force receives top DOD-level award

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** – The U.S. Air Forces in Europe communications and information directorate, which oversees the Air Force's communications and information-management effort in the European theater, was given top honors in the information officer awards team category Oct. 7.

Defense Department officials honored their top information and knowledge workers for important contributions to the department's transformation efforts that officials said are improving operations, saving money and, in many cases, saving lives on the battlefield.

Linton Wells II, acting assistant secretary of defense for network and information integration, presented this year's awards during the DOD Chief Information Officer Executive Board meeting at the Pentagon. Mr. Wells is also the department's chief information officer.

Actions that garnered the top team award included upgrading land-mobile radios throughout the command more than four years ahead of DOD's encryption-compliance deadline and leading the Air Force in transforming to the new Defense

Messaging System in a combat environment. The directorate is also credited with improving interface and decreasing air-tasking processing time using command-and-control improvements, and demonstrating its ability to thwart hacking attempts during a three-day exercise.

The competition has grown increasingly competitive since the first awards ceremony in 2001, officials said. Winners were selected from about 80 nominations from commands worldwide. (Story by Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service)

## Thrift Savings Plan open season begins today

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** – Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the "open season" today to Dec. 31.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the Air Force Personnel Contact Center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans."

"It's also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks," he said. "People can choose safer government securities as well."

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute, while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," Ms. Thomas said. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

"As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better," Ms. Thomas said.

Contribution elections or changes during this open season will take effect Dec. 12, for both military and civilian employees.

More information about the Thrift Savings Plan can be found in the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" on the home page under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications. (Story by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell, Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)





## New Hours at Wright Bros.



BREAKFAST - Mon.-Fri. 6:30 - 10 a.m.  
Sat.-Sun. 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(Lunch sandwiches served 11 - 1)

LUNCH - Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DINNER - Sat.-Tue. 5 - 8 p.m.

Singer

Adam Cruz

SATURDAYS

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Live & in person!



## Calling All Crafters!

- Attention artists and crafters! Registration for the 29th Annual Hickam Fall Craft Fair starts tomorrow (Oct. 16) at 8 a.m.
- Booth space is just \$65 or pair up and share the cost of \$85.
- Items must be handcrafted by the vendor and samples of items to be screened at registration.
- Civilian craft vendors welcome!

Civilian vendors without base access may register by mail.  
Call Donna Sommer at 449-1568, Ext. 106 or email request to [donna.sommer@hickam.af.mil](mailto:donna.sommer@hickam.af.mil) to have an application sent.



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For more information, contact Jason Verderberg or SSgt Mike Hindman at 448-4640.

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Log on to [www.pacfive.com](http://www.pacfive.com)

The Pentathlon is a virtual board game with five events. Each time you play a game piece, you are eligible to win one of an assortment of instant prizes. The more you play, the more chances you have to win.

## AF 2004 Family / Teen TALENT CONTEST

Registration - October 5-25, 2004

Hickam Community Center

Event:  
Saturday,  
November 6  
Memorial Theater



## Halloween Madness Parents Night Out

Friday, October 22 - 6-11 p.m.



- ✴ Kids (5-12) enjoy scary movies, games & dinner
- ✴ Kids in Halloween costume get a 'treat'
- ✴ Mom and Dad enjoy a night off!

### Interested in becoming a Child Care Provider?

Applicants must be base residents, 18 yrs old, be a high school grad, able to read and write English and pass a security check. A pre-licensing briefing is held on the first Thursday of each month from 5-6 p.m. at the Family Child Care Office located adjacent to the Auto Resale Lot in Bldg. 2116. Call FCC at 449-1879 for information. Persons caring for other families' children a total of 10 hours or more per week on base must be licensed.





Hickam Fitness & Sports Center and The Hickam Flyers Running Club Present

# Haunted Halloween 5K

October 28

Race begins at 5:30 p.m. at Hickam Harbor  
Prizes for 1st Male & Female, and Best Costume  
No Sign-up Required



For more information, call 449-1044





# Crossword puzzle: Faster than a speeding bullet

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

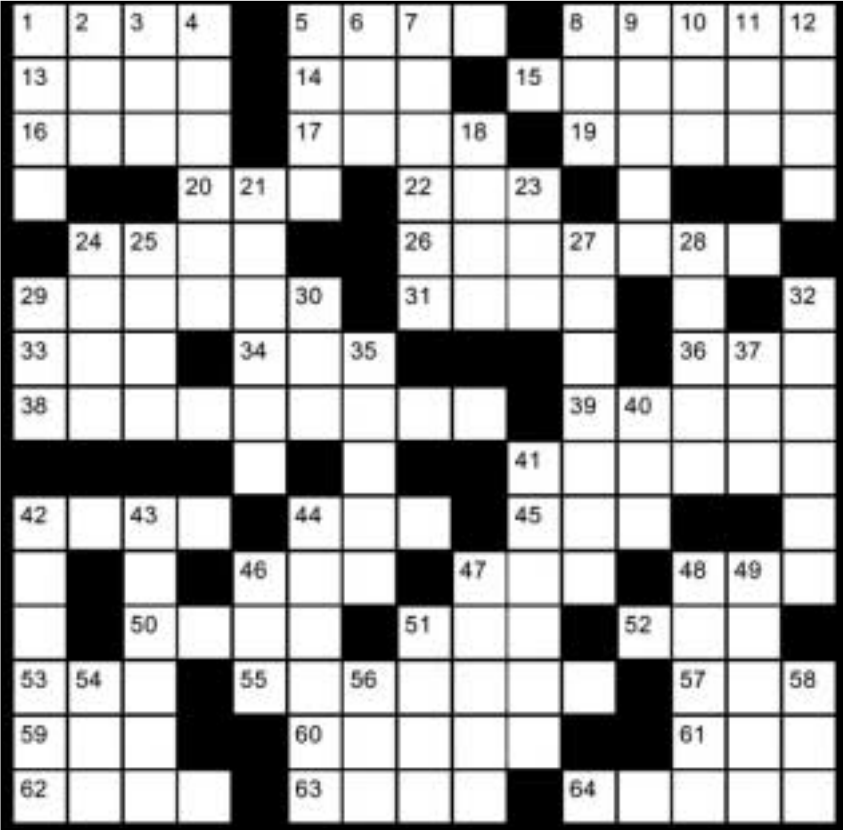
ACROSS

- 1. Test pilot Marion \_\_\_\_; 953 altitude record in D-558-II
- 5. Test pilot Albert \_\_\_\_; 1947 speed record
- 8. Researcher John P. \_\_\_\_; tested G-forces on body
- 13. What was under princess' mattress? (2 words)
- 14. Behold
- 15. Antenna
- 16. Cardinal great Musial
- 17. Amphibian
- 19. Where in the World person
- 20. Alias, in brief
- 22. Space
- 24. Mint
- 26. Test pilot Frank K. \_\_\_\_; 1953 speed record in YF-100
- 29. Scattered throughout
- 31. Nevada town
- 33. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode (2 words)
- 34. Talk
- 36. Expert
- 38. Test pilot Iven C. \_\_\_\_; first to fly above 100,000 ft.
- 39. Test pilot Robert M. \_\_\_\_; first to exceed Mach 4 & 5
- 41. River tributary
- 42. \_\_\_\_ Ready to Eat
- 44. Actress Ryan
- 45. German city
- 46. Org. run by SECDEF
- 47. Everything
- 48. Foreign hat?
- 50. Lapse
- 51. Craft
- 52. Vase
- 53. Mil. acronym for how to deal with enemy
- 55. Test pilot Wilbert D. \_\_\_\_; only "space ace" with satel-  
lite kill
- 57. Hubris
- 59. Actress Margaret of Grumpy Old Men
- 60. Test pilot N.K. \_\_\_\_; completed Have Blue test pro-  
gram
- 61. Lord of the Rings character
- 62. Abominable snowman?

- 63. Detected
- 64. Military academy recruit

DOWN

- 1. Throw
- 2. Test pilot Mel \_\_\_\_; first to exceed Mach 3
- 3. Actor Stephen of The Crying Game
- 4. Hawaiian patios
- 5. Greek letter
- 6. Nigerian town
- 7. Test pilot Charles E. \_\_\_\_; first to break sound barrier
- 8. Stitch
- 9. Hunt down
- 10. Enrage
- 11. Bachelor's place
- 12. Trick
- 18. Kevin Kline movie
- 21. Test pilot William J. \_\_\_\_; piloted X-15 to Mach 6
- 23. Write, as in a novel
- 24. Columbian city
- 25. Air Force base home to 51st FW
- 27. Alien town?
- 28. Having agreeable taste
- 29. Golfer Se Ri \_\_\_\_
- 30. Actress West
- 32. Test pilot Eldon \_\_\_\_;1971 speed record in SR-71
- 35. Leak
- 37. Roadway, in short
- 40. Fringe
- 41. Test pilot Fitzhugh L. \_\_\_\_; 1962 heaviest payload/altitude record
- 42. Test pilot Arthur \_\_\_\_; first to see curvature of Earth
- 43. \_\_\_\_ Without Leave; UCMJ violation
- 44. Mechanized bicycles
- 46. Dunk
- 47. Torching
- 48. Let go



- 49. Test pilot Joe H. \_\_\_\_; X-15 pilot and STS-2 spacecraft commander
- 51. Rear end (British)
- 54. Mil. operation begun 9/11
- 56. Vote in favor
- 58. Commonly

See Page 27 for SOLUTIONS

## Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield



**Oct. 16, 1935** - Bids were opened for the first contract to clear trees and underbrush from the area where Hickam Field was to be built. Several hundred cords of firewood, salvaged from the clearing operations, were distributed among Army posts in the Hawaiian Department for use in field ranges.

**Oct. 15, 1954** - The 6486th Air Base Wing was activated at Hickam. The 1502nd Field Maintenance Squadron was activated and assigned to Hickam AFB.

**Oct. 16, 1961** - General Matthew Taylor, special military advisor to the President of the United States, stopped at Hickam while en route to Laos and Thailand.

**Oct. 15, 1982** - Five caskets containing remains believed to be Americans missing in action during the Vietnam War arrived at Hickam, then were turned over to the Army Central Identification Laboratory for examination. On Oct. 29, 1982, following a brief honors ceremony at Hickam, the identified remains were transported to Travis AFB, Calif.

**Oct. 20, 1971** - The 15th Tactical Fighter Wing was redesignated as the 15th Air Base Wing.

Faster than a speedin bullet  
This week's crossword answers

C	A	R	L		B	O	Y	D		S	T	A	P	P
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Chapel

**Editor's note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel  
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Praise Gathering – 5:30 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050  
Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877  
Naval Station Chapel – 473-3971

Catholic

Nelles Chapel  
Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

Islamic

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Buddhist

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

At the Movies

Today and Saturday - 7 p.m.

“Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid” – A scientific expedition is sent to the jungles of Borneo to search for a rare black orchid by a powerful pharmaceutical company that hopes it can be used to unlock the secrets of youth and immortality. Rated PG-13 (action violence, scary image and language).

Sunday - 7 p.m.

“Vanity Fair” – Becky is orphaned at a young age. Even as a child, she yearns for a more glamorous life than her birthright promises. As she leaves Miss Pinkerton’s Academy, Becky resolves to conquer English society by any means possible. Rated PG-13 (some sensuality, nudity and a violent image)



# Team Hickam Pick 'Em

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40-35

Team Roster	Panthers vs. Eagles	Chargers vs. Falcons	Seahawks vs. Patriots	Vikings vs. Saints	Bucs vs. Rams	RECORDS	
						Last week	To date
Col. Ray Torres 15th AW/CC	Eagles	Falcons	Patriots	Vikings	Rams	2-3	11-14
Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood 15th SVS/CC	Eagles	Chargers	Patriots	Saints	Bucs	2-3	11-14
Capt. Nate Chine Det. 1, 15 MSG/CC	Eagles	Falcons	Patriots	Vikings	Rams	4-1	18-7
Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier PACAF/SVS	Eagles	Falcons	Patriots	Vikings	Rams	2-3	15-10
Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey 15th AW/PAI	Panthers	Falcons	Patriots	Vikings	Rams	2-3	11-14
Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt 15th CONS/LGVCZ	Eagles	Falcons	Patriots	Vikings	Rams	2-3	13-12



TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE





## Coach-pitch baseball - it's not about who won but



Damien Fitzgerald, Tigers first baseman, picks up the ball and touches base for a force out.

## Did they have fun

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Saturday's Little League coach-pitch game between Team Titans and the Tigers ended without a score and no declaration of a victorious team.

And that's just the way the league likes it, said Eric Day, league president.

Just by being out there trying, every player is a winner, Day said. We stress to each child that their parents care about them by giving them opportunities to play and learn.

It's a concept of sport for enjoyment, he said, and it's a philosophy with plenty of statistical backing.

The National Youth Sports Coaching Association has taken many surveys over the years and found that over 70 percent of Americas youth drop out of sports after the age of 12, he

said. And the main causes are too much pressure and emphasis placed on winning.

"Every child develops at a different rate, but if they are not having fun, they will not return," he said. We encourage each parent to ask their children, after a game, not 'who won,' but 'did you have fun.'

Each team can send as many batters to the plate each inning until five base path runners have crossed home plate or until the defensive team records three outs, whichever comes first.

"One small step toward the next skill level," Day said.

There was one Team Titan player who already knew which skill level she wanted to focus on.

"I like to bat," Jessie Payne said. "It's the thing I like the most."



Above: Tigers Damien Fitzgerald tries to beat out the throw by Team Titans pitcher Joshua Payne.

Above right: Team Titans first baseman Seth Parker catches toss from Logan Lam, forcing out Tigers runner Wesley Homewood.

Right: From left Tigers Austin Sweat and Wesley Homewood chase down a hit.

Bottom: Tigers John DiPaola puts the ball in play.



Photos by Angela Elbern

